Financing of Infrastructure Projects in Mumbai

3240. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure projects which are being financed in Mumbai; and

(b) the details of the projects and funds sanctioned or to be sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-VIENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PONRADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities, projects for infrastructural development in Mumbai Mega City are sanctioned by State Level Sanctioning Committee. As per available information the details are as follows:

—Number of projects approved	50
—Estimated cost of projects	Rs. 999.39 crores
—Central share released	Rs. 190.44 crores
—State share released	Rs. 164.9425 crores
—Finances mobilised from Financial Institutions.	Rs. 199.48 crores

Graft Charges against Top DDA Officials

3241. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has booked top officials of DDA on graft charges ;

(b) if so, whether Government have realized the need for streamlining the functioning of DDA and simplifying procedures to avoid incidents necessitating bribing; and

(c) the action Government propose to ensure fair, prompt and graft free working in DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The CBI has registered three cases recently, involving former Vice Chairman, DDA, Commissioner (Planning) DDA, (Commissioner (Land Disposal), DDA, Director (Lands), DDA and PS. to Ex-Vice Chairman, DDA (already under suspension).

(b) and (c) The Government have issued directions to DDA from time to time to take various measures to bring in transparency in its functioning and making use of e-Governance system to enhance the efficiency, transparency and simplify the conduct of its business. DDA has initiated various measures accordingly to streamline its functioning, make it transparent and citizens friendly. This include computerization of centralized receipt and despatch section, putting in place a system of acknowledging letters and documents, monitoring/implementation of time limits provided for various items/transactions as per citizens charter and posting of consellors/facilitators to guide the visiting public. All important letters like demand-cum-allotmcnt letters, refund etc. are sent by speed post and proof of delivery obtained, information regarding functions, procedures is disseminated through brochures, handbooks, notices, website etc. Instructions regarding anti-corruption measures issued by the Central Vigilance Commission arc followed by DDA and measures have been taken to strengthen its vigilance, administration to reduce corruption.

Malfunctioning of Elevators in Central Government Office Buildings

3242. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the elevators installed in the Central Government Office buildings are malfunctioning, leading to fatal accidents;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with total numbers of elevators and amount spent on their installation and maintenance in the last three years, building-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a feet that lack of proper maintenance and servicing is the major cause for such malfunctioning of the elevators; and

(d) if so, whether Government have a long term and sustainable plan for ensuring elevators installed in Central Government Office buildings function properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.